

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This complete listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-60. (Cancelled)

61. (New) A computer readable storage medium comprising executable instructions to:

receive a first document and a second document coded in a markup language;

parse the first and second documents to identify block elements in each document;

create a normalized first document and a normalized second document having separate lines corresponding to the block elements in each document, the normalized first and second documents coded in the markup language and preserving the visual formatting of the first and second documents;

perform a line-by-line comparison between the normalized first and second documents to find differences; and

generate a comparison document coded in the markup language and preserving the visual formatting of one of the first and second documents to record the differences.

62. (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 61, wherein the executable instructions to parse the first and second documents comprise executable instructions to detect and distinguish tags in the documents.

63. (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 62, wherein the markup language comprises HTML and the tags comprise HTML tags.

64. (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 63, wherein the block elements comprise text, embedded hypertext links and HTML character-formatting elements.

65. (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 64, wherein the block elements are delimited by HTML tags and carriage returns.

66. (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 64, wherein the executable instructions to create a normalized first document and a normalized second document comprise executable instructions to process the first and second documents character-by-character according to a set of rules.

67. (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 66, wherein the rules preserve the visual formatting of the first and second documents.

68. (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 67, wherein the rules remove elements from the first and second documents so that visually equivalent first and second documents generate identical normalized first and second documents.

69. (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 61, wherein the executable instructions to perform a line comparison comprise executable instructions to apply a typical line-by-line comparison to the normalized first and second documents.

70. (New) The computer readable storage medium of claim 61, wherein the comparison document comprises all of the original content from the first document that remained unchanged in the second document.